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Vulcan site logical choice, says Nimoy

FILM Mr. Spock wants to beam back to Vulcan.

Star Trek's Mr. Spock, or the actor who plays him, Leonard Nimoy, told local media he is throwing his support behind the town of Vulcan — just 120 km southeast of Calgary — in its bid to première the new Star Trek film.

Nimoy

Paramount Pictures opted not to have the première of the high profile film in Vulcan, and Nimoy said he was saddened to hear the news.

The town of Vulcan has been campaigning over a year to host the première and even has a Facebook group full of support.

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Shuttered **Cecil awaits its fate**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Adolfo Navarrete (holding drill) and Brandon Comstock both board up a window at the Cecil Hotel Thursday. A team of workers are cleaning out and boarding it up prior to the city determining the future of the downtown landmark.

Province gases rebates

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Albertans may get left in the cold this winter after the province announced Thursday it would be shelving the natural gas rebate program for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

"Given our commitment in encouraging energy efficiency and conservation, we have decided that the natural gas program won't be renewed for the upcoming fiscal year," said Energy Minister Mel Knight during question period.

It has homeowners, such as Calgary single mom of three, Karen Olsen, steaming. Olsen, who has resorted to using a space heater to save money instead of bumping the thermostat up on chilly days, said her pocketbook is going to take a serious hit.

"I'm just sick of the government saying they will help you and then they just take it away. It's just getting ridiculous," she said.

Homeowners received a rebate on their natural gas bill when the price of natural gas jumped above $5.50 per gigajoule, but prices have hovered under $4 for several weeks.

The province's decision also has Scott Hennig of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation scratching his head. With gas prices down — and forecast to be down for some time — and the rebate inactive for the past two months, Hennig wonders why the program was axed.

"When prices are high people get a bigger rebate, when the prices are low, they get no rebate or a smaller rebate," said Hennig, noting that savings were $33 and $35 on the average bill in December 2008 and January 2009, respectively.

"It costs the government nothing right now and a lot of families need that help when prices are high."

Calgary anti-poverty activist Grant Neufeld can understand the province's desire to heighten energy efficiency and conservation awareness, but he's concerned the province's decision was made in haste, with no program in place to protect society's most vulnerable.

"A lot of people are just barely scraping by as it is, and with the tremendous fluctuations in energy costs, losing a program like this which helps people out, is quite problematic," Neufeld said.

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Door open

• Jason Chance, Alberta Energy spokesperson, said the door has been left open for the province to re-examine the rebate plan, if natural gas prices were to rise.

Man killed by police shot 3 times, says investigator

PROBE An unarmed man was shot three times and killed by a Calgary Police officer early Wednesday morning, an independent investigator said Thursday.

Purvis

Promising "no stone will be left unturned", the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) launched an intensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding suspect Travis Oakes' death. A 20-year veteran of the police force shot Oakes three times.

"The investigation will be thorough, it will be exhaustive, it will be done in a professional manner and we will work to uncover the truth," ASIRT executive director Clifton Purvis said.

Oakes was known to police and part of an ongoing investigation about property offences when undercover police officers were following him, Purvis said. Oakes was washing the stolen Chevy Caprice he was driving at Western Pride Car Wash when police blocked him in the bay.

"In an attempt to flee from the arrest, Mr. Oakes attempted to drive his vehicle through the closed doors of the car wash," said Purvis, adding the officer who discharged his weapon was positioned outside of the bay.

Purvis said investigators will determine if the circumstances warrant future charges.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

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Riding the **Recession**

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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Five assaults on taxi drivers in the past month: Police
City cops are investigating several serious assaults against city taxi drivers. Beginning mid-February, the incidents have occurred with pickups in Falconridge and Abbeydale and at least five drivers have been assaulted. Four were robbed. METRO CALGARY

Local

Shaving lids for kids

Calgary Arbour Lake School raised more than $56,000 for the Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta's (KCCFA) Shave Your Lid for a Kid program this week. The campaign started in November and will end Friday when 80 staff and students shed their locks for the good cause. METRO CALGARY

Man charged in roommate's death

TRAUMA Calgary police have charged a 29-year-old man with manslaughter after the death of his roommate in a Whitehorn home last week.

Police were called to a home Saturday and found 49-year-old Michael Young dead, but it wasn't until the autopsy was completed on Wednesday that they made an arrest.

Young suffered blunt force trauma in an alleged altercation with Sandip Singh Gill, 29.

Couple handed 80 weapons charges

GUNS A known gang member and his girlfriend are charged with over 80 weapons offences after a two-month investigation.

Police charged Tien-Ngco Ho, 21, and Lovely Mary Jimenez, 21, each with 40 offences after a search of their SUV and Panorama Hills Rise NW home turned up several loaded weapons on Thursday. The couple remains in custody until their first court appearance on March 24.

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What's online today.

Video Actress' death sparks helmet debate at **metronews.ca/local**

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Execs get taste of army life

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Cpl. Dino Avelino shows Jackie Belleros of Wallace & Carey Inc. how to properly use a C9 lightweight machine gun at the Mewata Armoury.

Being in the army is no vacation.

That's the message Calgary members of the Canadian Armed Forces sent to about 30 downtown executives Thursday at a lunchtime event where business leaders were fed army rations and shown what reservists go through in places like Afghanistan.

About 60 per cent of all reservists have civilian jobs as well, and to serve in the army they often take their vacation time to be in the field, according to Cmdr. Michael Ervin.

"They only need perhaps two to three weeks a year to serve in the army," Ervin said. "We hope companies will give them that without eating up their vacation time, because people need both."

Michel Scott, vice-president of government and public affairs of Devon Canada, said the message has gotten through to him.

"I'm not sure if anyone who works for us is in the army — that would be like asking their age," he said. "But after today, I'm definitely going to inquire and if we do, we want to think about how we manage that."

Executives were also given a crash course on what the army is all about. Gary Agnew, provincial chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, said employers need to realize the skills that reservists bring back to the organization.

"I've learned that there are a lot of similarities between the army and the corporate world," Scott said. "There's leadership, dedication. Both have missions we need to accomplish."

Humane Society seeks to close gate on Stampede rodeo

VANCOUVER The Vancouver Humane Society wants people to boycott the rodeo at the Calgary Stampede.

The VHS is planning to distribute information about animal abuse at the Stampede to tour operators and travel writers.

"We would like to see the rodeo phased out entirely," said Peter Fricker, a spokesperson for the VHS.

"We realize the Calgary Stampede rodeo is an iconic event, but we think people will find it unacceptable that in the 21st century we're still coercing animals to perform for entertainment purposes."

Fricker would like to see the calf-roping event banned first, as he feels it is the least humane event.

Doug Fraser, a Stampede spokesperson, said the rodeo works hand-in-hand with the Calgary Humane Society to ensure fair treatment of animals.

"Calf roping is actually one of our events that has a direct link to what happens on the average ranch," he said. "We care about the animals here at the Calgary Stampede. They are our stars, and we treat them like our stars."

JENNIFER HILLIKER
/FOR METRO CALGARY

Group takes note

- A U.K.-based travel group plans to create a web page describing animal welfare concerns at the Stampede due to information they have received from the VHS.

Arrest made in 5-year-old murder case

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Almost five years ago, a 43-year-old woman was found dead inside a tent pitched outside of the Talisman Centre. Police finally made an arrest in the case on Thursday.

Calling it extremely "satisfying," Calgary police have arrested and charged a man in Quebec with the Aug. 30, 2004 murder of Lynn Allwright.

"Investigators carry these files with them basically a lifetime and if you can't close one, it's a feeling of emptiness," Acting Staff Sgt. Rick Tuza said of the "emotional" arrest.

"That's just for the investigators, so I can't imagine for the family."

Police said the victim and suspect were casual acquaintances but wouldn't release how Allwright was killed. However, Tuza said, both were living transient lifestyles, with the suspect travelling Canada without a fixed address.

The break came after police in Valleyfield, Que., arrested 31-year-old Claude Baril on unrelated charges, and police were able to link physical evidence to the suspect. Tuza said Baril was actually a suspect for "some time." Baril remains in custody in Montreal but will face the charges in a Calgary provincial court.

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Missing man found in good shape

A missing man has been found in good condition one day after police released his photo for assistance. Kevin Paswisty, 32, was found sitting on a street corner in downtown Calgary. METRO CALGARY

Traffic camera doubted

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

A new red-light camera installed yesterday is supposed to prevent accidents, but some Calgarians are skeptical that it will help.

Mount Royal student Ashley Palin doesn't think the intersection at 16 Avenue NW and Deerfoot Trail will be any safer with the camera in place, even though the spot is the number 1 collision intersection in the city.

Because she lives in the northeast and goes to school in the southwest, she drives on Deerfoot at least twice a week.

Online

- A full list of camera locations can be found at calgarypolice.ca

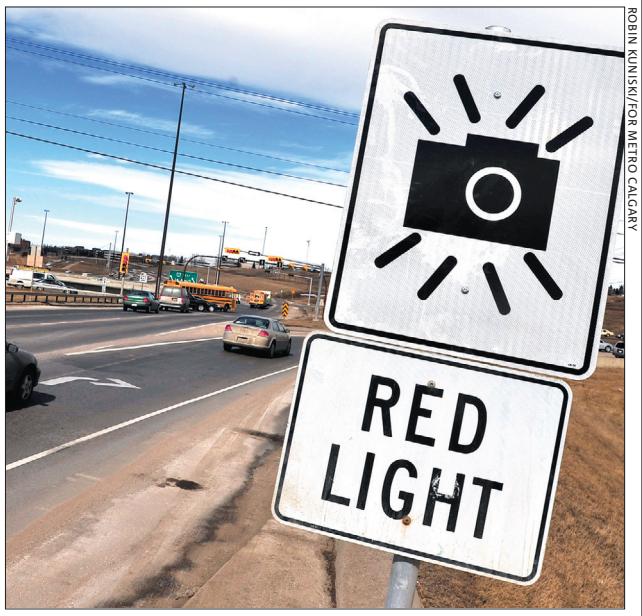
"I think a lot of people that drive through that intersection don't drive there on a regular basis," she said.

"They might not even know it's there, so it wouldn't necessarily prevent accidents."

The intersection was the scene of 244 accidents last year. Sgt. Clive Marsh of the Calgary Police Service said he thinks most people agree with the presence of red-light cameras.

"If you believe as a motorist that you may get caught, you will most likely think it through and not commit the offence," Marsh said.

There are now 40 cameras that rotate between 45 collision hot spots in Calgary.



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One of the city's most dangerous intersections — at Deerfoot Trail and 16 Avenue NE — will now be "policed" by an unmanned red-light camera.

Police look for drugstore suspects

CRIME City police are on the hunt for two violent armed-robbery suspects who held up the Blue Bottle Pharmacy at 148 17 Ave. NE Wednesday.

Two men entered the pharmacy around 11:45 a.m. wearing balaclavas and allegedly assaulted an employee with the gun, then stole money and narcotics. The two men were allegedly seen running north away from the store. The victim sustained injuries and was sent to hospital. The two suspects are described as white and in their early 20s.

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Man loses two vehicles to infernos

FIRE Rick McCullogh is having a bad week.

He plugged in the semi he drove for Cochrane Transport after delivering beer to Lake Louise, filled out end-of-day paperwork and started on his way home. Before he got very far, he got a call from his boss — his truck was on fire.

This was after his personal car caught fire over the weekend.

"The truck is a total writeoff," the 43-year-old said. "I parked it, plugged it in and everything seemed OK." METRO CALGARY

Risk low for needle reuse: Province

HEALTH The provincial government said yesterday the reuse of single-use syringes at an Alberta hospital only resulted in a low risk to public health.

The comments come after a review into a High Prairie health centre that was reusing the needles.

The provincial assessment was ordered after more incidents occurred in Vermillion and Lloydminster. Blood tests were offered to about 1,300 former patients who might have been at risk of infection, thought the results are not completed yet.

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Prosecution a no-show in Ethiopia terror trial
Bashir Makhtal, a Canadian jailed in Ethiopia on terrorism charges, made a brief court appearance Thursday before the case was adjourned because none of the six prosecution witnesses showed up. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

TSB examining crash data

The Transportation Safety Board said Thursday it has everything it needs to determine what caused a Cougar Helicopters aircraft to plunge into the North Atlantic one week ago, killing 17 people. The TSB's lead investigator told CBC that the recovery of the wreckage has been so swift that investigators have not had time to analyze what they have collected. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Immigrants fare better in suburbs

New study finds big cities are struggling to meet their labour needs

Recent immigrants in smaller suburban communities are faring better than those setting roots in big cities when it comes to jobs, incomes and home-ownership, says a new study that measures newcomers' life quality across Canada.

While the majority of all types of immigrants still settle in big cities, an increasing number of established immigrants — those who come under the economic class as investors and skilled professionals — are headed to smaller communities. Also, immigrants here as dependants under family unifications, or as refugees, are more likely to concentrate in big cities, said the report, released Thursday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

"We need a new collaborative approach to immigration policy and settlement."
Jean Perrault, mayor of Sherbrooke, Que.

The number of newcomers settling in Toronto suburbs, for example, grew by an average of 72.5 per cent in 2006, while Toronto received 29 per cent fewer newcomers in the same period, as did other traditional gateway cities, such as Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

The suburbanization trends, partially a result of Ottawa's push to spread immigrants evenly across the country, have led to a lose-lose situation for large and small communities alike: While big cities are finding it harder to meet their labour needs with the exodus of well-educated and highly skilled immigrants, their smaller counterparts struggle to accommodate the influx.

"This report shows we need a new collaborative approach to immigration policy and settlement," said the municipal federation's president, Jean Perrault, mayor of Sherbrooke, Que. "Municipal governments are where immigrants go first for help, but we are not consulted on immigration policies or programs and we do not have the resources to provide the needed services. It's time for a change."

The federation, which represents 1,775 communities covering 90 per cent of the population, said municipalities need federal funding to provide culturally sensitive services, such as translating garbage pickup schedules, more affordable housing, recreational programs, public health services and new ways to deliver services to newcomers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa seeks to help ailing broadcasters

FUNDING The Canadian government is ready to stop the financial bleeding of the country's big media — or at least to try.

A spokesman for the federal Heritage Department confirmed Thursday that Ottawa has drawn up plans for regulatory and tax changes to help major broadcasters deal with a growing shortfall in TV advertising revenue.

Heritage press secretary Stephanie Rea added that no funding commitments to private broadcasters have yet been made.

With audience numbers and ad revenue for broadcasters falling amid the economic downturn, many local Canadian TV stations stand to be sold off or shut down. **REUTERS**

News in brief

FLAG DEBATE Some Ontario politicians are upset the province has purchased provincial flags from China instead of flags made in the province. "It would be an insult for me to give this flag to any community group. This is shameful, embarrassing, pathetic, rude, insulting," said NDP MPP Peter Kormos. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Quebec **Going into deficit**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/REUTERS

Quebec's Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget, centre, acknowledges applause as she unveils the province's new budget at the National Assembly Thursday in Quebec City. Quebec's Liberal government said Thursday it would run budget deficits for the next four years and predicted the economy would shrink in 2009.

B.C. RCMP Taser 16-year-old boy

CONFRONTATION A 16-year-old boy "asking to be killed" was Tasered by Coquitlam, B.C., RCMP Thursday.

Mounties responding to a call about several men fighting were told that one of them had a knife.

A 16-year-old boy, with blood on his sweater and face, stood nearby and shouted at police that he wanted to be killed, according to RCMP Cpl. Peter Thiessen.

Fearing the youth was armed, police asked him repeatedly to lay down, but the request was ignored. Mounties then Tasered him. **METRO CANADA**

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Mexico nabs drug smuggler's son

Mexico said yesterday it had captured the drug smuggler son of a leader of Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel, one of the highest-profile catches of the government's two-year war on drug gangs. REUTERS

World

Lab mishaps raise security fears

Lab accidents involving bird flu and Ebola viruses have increased biosecurity fears in Europe, where public health experts say research on dangerous pathogens needs to be more strictly monitored. A scientist in Germany last week pricked herself with a needle that was believed to be contaminated with a strain of the Ebola haemorrhagic virus with a mortality rate of around 90 per cent. REUTERS

Ex-president indicted for rape

ISRAEL Former Israeli President Moshe Katsav was indicted yesterday for rape and other sexual offences against three women who used to work for him, charges that he denies. The indictment filed at Tel Aviv District Court accuses Katsav of twice raping and, on another occasion, molesting a staffer while he was tourism minister in 1996-1999.

In 2000, Katsav sexually molested two other employees, according to the indictment. REUTERS

AIG provides recipient list

Group complies with subpoena demanding names, details

American International Group Inc, complying with a subpoena, provided details of bonus recipients to New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, his office said yesterday.

"I have received the list of AIG Financial Products employees who received retention payouts," said Cuomo, the state's top legal officer who had set a deadline of the end of the business day.

"We are aware of the security concerns of AIG employees, and we will be sensitive to those issues by doing a risk assessment before releasing any individual's name," he said.

For months, Cuomo has been pressing for details on the billions of dollars paid to executives at several banks that received U.S. government bailout money. His probe is intended to determine whether the companies broke securities laws on disclosure.

At AIG, $165 million US in bonuses were paid to executives that brought the company close to collapse.

Strong message

- In the face of public outrage at the fact that AIG paid bonuses after receiving government aid, the House voted 328-93 to approve a 90 per cent tax on bonuses for executives at companies that are getting taxpayer-financed help.

Cuomo told reporters on a conference call earlier yesterday that in accordance with a state court ruling published Wednesday, he expects Bank of America Corp to hand over the names of the 200 highest bonus earners at Merrill Lynch & Co last year.

At Merrill, bonuses totaling $3.6 billion were paid just before the company was bought by Bank of America on Jan. 1. REUTERS

Protesters in France denounce Sarkozy

ECONOMY Hundreds of thousands of people across France yesterday began protests expected to draw at least a million demonstrators to the streets to denounce President Nicolas Sarkozy's handling of the economic crisis.

The protests, which polls show are backed by three quarters of the French public, reflect growing disillusionment with Sarkozy's pledges of reform.

The crisis has sent the number of jobless past two million and left many people struggling with the high cost of living.

Transport, energy and some government offices were all affected as workers went off the job, although there was no general shutdown of the economy. Most businesses and public services functioned at close to normal levels. REUTERS

Fritzl sentenced to life in psych ward

COURTS Josef Fritzl was sentenced to life in a psychiatric institution yesterday for locking up and raping his daughter over 24 years, fathering seven children with her, and causing the death of an infant son.

"I accept the verdict," the 73-year-old Austrian told the court after the unanimous decision by the jury in St Poelten. The trial outcome cannot be appealed.

Court officials said Fritzl would return to St. Poelten jail for the time being pending transfer to an institution for mentally ill offenders where he could get therapy. They said his condition would be re-evaluated in 15 years.

Fritzl had pleaded guilty in the four-day trial to incest, rape, enslavement, coercion and murder by neglect for confining his daughter, now 42, in a purpose-built, windowless cellar under his home for almost 25 years. REUTERS

Washington Celebrating Ladies

KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama greets actress Fran Drescher, second from right, and singer Sheryl Crow, centre, at the White House celebrating Women's History Month in Washington yesterday to speak with students about career goals.

U.S. could stop missile: Official

MILITARY The United States could intercept a North Korean missile launched toward U.S. territory with "high probability" the top U.S. commander for the Pacific region said yesterday.

Speaking to a U.S. panel amid North Korean preparations for what Pyongyang has said will be a satellite launch in early April, U.S. Pacific Commander Timothy Keating and other senior officers stressed American capabilities with out revealing intentions. REUTERS

Bin Laden rails against president

SOMALIA Al Qaida leader Osama bin Laden urged Somalis in a new audio tape yesterday to topple the new president, who is already struggling to deal with insurgents in the lawless country.

Sheikh Sharif Ahmed, a moderate Islamist elected this year in the fifteenth attempt to form a central government, has been trying to reach out to rebels. REUTERS

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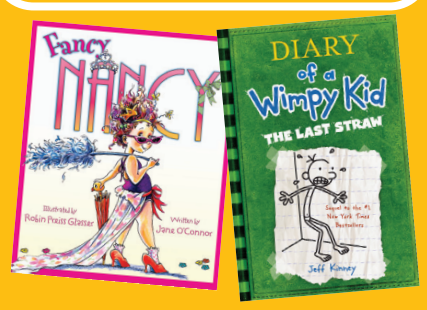

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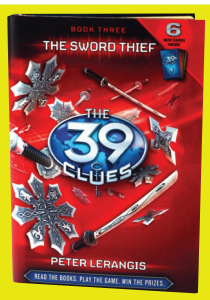

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Shocking energy salesmen

Marketplace

On the web

How not to get had:
• Read Wendy Mesley's tip sheet on how not to get sucked in by the high pressure sales tactics employed by some.

In an investigation, CBC News: Marketplace has exposed the tactics used by door-to-door salespeople working for some big energy companies.

Most everyone has heard complaints about sales agents selling contracts for natural gas and electricity, and using their powers of persuasion to get you to sign up and lock in to a fixed price. It's a decision that could save or cost you hundreds of dollars.

With so much at stake, the sales people are supposed to follow provincial codes of conduct governing their behaviour during the sales pitch.

The rules state they can't mislead consumers, make false statements, misrepresent who they are, nor can they exert undue pressure.

But during sales pitches caught on tape in a hidden camera investigation, every sales agent is seen overstepping the rules.

One salesperson recorded during the investigation promises that signing up for an electricity contract would lead to savings: "In five years guaranteed. There's no way the price of hydro is going to stay the same as it is today."

In another instance, an energy sales person, who did not know he was being recorded, is heard telling a consumer, "These protection plans have always proven to save at least a thousand dollars over the five-year period."

That's a big "no no," because cost savings are never a sure thing, according to leading experts who crunched the numbers at EnergyShop.com

In fact, over the last 10 years, when comparing the best gas prices of retailers to the prices of the public utility in Ontario, 44 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by locking in; 56 per cent of the time, they would have saved.

As for electricity, consumers have fared far worse. Using Ontario data since August 2005, fully 100 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by signing up for even the best retailer rate compared to the public utility.

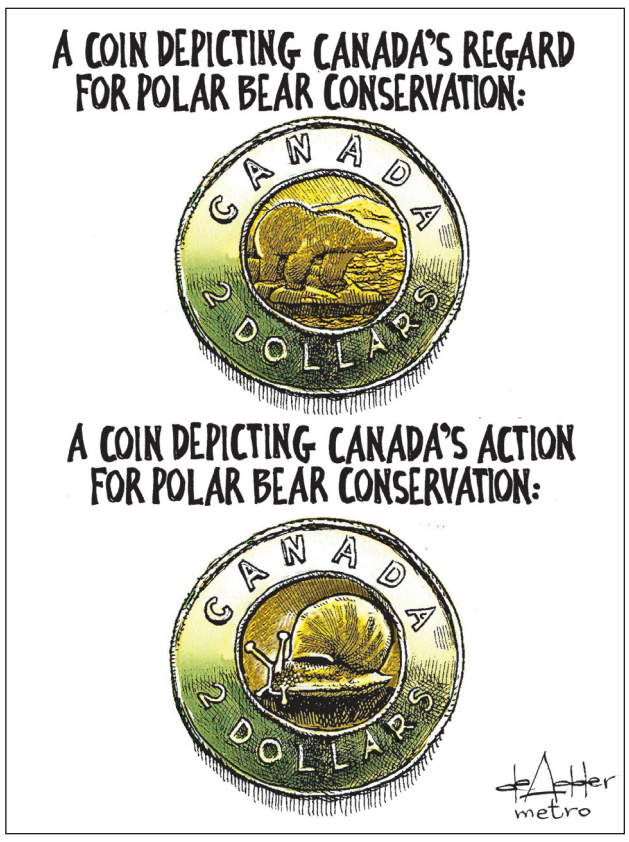
Shane Pospisil of the Ontario Energy Association is a top lobbyist for the industry.

He concedes that the pitches caught on camera misrepresent the contract being offered. "We would find this behaviour unacceptable."

Thousands of complaints by consumers echo the findings of the investigation.

Pospisil says his organization is "going to look at what we can do to clean up some of the root causes," and adds that "major self-regulatory initiatives (are) underway."

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Views

Drivers can still be sexy at 40 (kilometres)

UrbanCompass

There's now 44 intersections with red-light cameras in our city, buoyed by $3.5 million in tickets from last year.

Next camera up will be at TransCanada and Deerfoot, northbound. After that, it's Bowfort and the TransCanada near COP. The province is proposing even more support, proposing that multiple tickets for speeding and running a red can be issued.

Ouch. Those cameras creep me out.

Yet, there's good evidence red-light cameras are needed. Half of collisions in Calgary occur at intersections.

We worry about speed. According to the Traffic Injury Research Foundation in Ottawa, Canadians say that, after drunk driving, running red lights is the greatest traffic concern followed by street racing and speeding.

Currently, intersection cameras catch both running a red light, and regular speeding through a green light.

Cameras were instituted eight years ago, and there's evidence that the red light campaign is reducing collisions, both T-bone and rear end.

The Calgary police won't say, though, what it takes to get a speeding ticket. The law allows the force to ticket at just one kilometre over.

But the city needs low-tech options, too. It's not sexy or spylike, but reduce residential speed limits. Our 50-kilometre limit for residential roads is too high.

Some cities, such as Ottawa and Montreal, are considering 40 km/h for safety reasons.

Hit at 50 km/h, a person has an 80 per cent chance of dying. At 40 km/h, it's 25 per cent.

Last year, Safe Kids Canada spent a week campaign advocating for 40-km zones. The number 1 killer of kids is cars. Safe Kids didn't get far.

Studies show even if we think speeding is a problem few want to slow down.

But Calgary can reduce speed limits. There are two 40-km zones in the city, on Elbow Drive and at 6th Avenue in Kensington. That took power and pull.

It's a tough gig. I tried introducing the 40-km idea at my community traffic study. The city representative deflected it at every meeting despite my alderman's suggestions to discuss the issue there.

In the end, the city bureaucrat gave me a nine-year old report by then police chief Christine Silverberg saying 40-km zones weren't enforceable.

Yet, we know speed kills, and scares kids from the outdoors into basements with video games.

With the same passion it uses to advocate for intersection cameras,

The Calgary police should advocate for 40 km/h for residential roads. Ticketing shouldn't allow for speed to creep upwards.

As the red-light campaign has taught us, where there's a will there's a way. Forty can be sexy. And safe.

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Letters

Calgary transit should explain how trains are scheduled

Re: Don't Blame Calgary Transit for missed trains (March 16)

It was great to finally get an explanation on those dastardly short duration doors on the C-train, however in greater need of an explanation, in my opinion, is how the trains are scheduled and how their timing is determined and how their on-time metrics are being monitored.

As anyone who rides the train from the south can attest, there has not been a single week this furiously cold winter where the trains have not been delayed and or running exceptionally slow.

LISA HEID, CALGARY

It's your fault if you're late

Re: Don't Blame Calgary Transit for missed trains (March 16)

It doesn't take much to create train delays and if the operators were able to hold the doors open for every person who was running like mad to catch it, those seconds add up into minutes.

Being a mad dasher myself I can understand the frustration of missing a train by that split second. What makes me laugh is when I see people who've missed a train flip the operator the bird, spit on the train or slap the car. Seriously? It's your fault you missed the train by not leaving wherever you're coming from that much sooner. If I were the train operator I'd give you a nice big smile, wave and drive away.

JACI ENNS, CALGARY

Thank you for train info

Re: Don't Blame Calgary Transit for missed trains (March 16)

This is good to know (the fact that drivers don't control the 18-second door opening/closing). I have always wondered how that worked.

KATHY O'CONNOR, CALGARY

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Microsoft exec hopes for Yahoo talks
Microsoft Corp. chief executive Steve Ballmer said Thursday the only discussion he's had with Yahoo Inc.'s top executive was a single phone call, but he is holding out hopes for further talks. Ballmer still covets a search partnership with Yahoo. REUTERS

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Gold, oil drive TSX rally

Index rises by 61.39 points to make 8th straight gain

Toronto's main stock index closed higher for an eighth straight session Thursday as the U.S. Federal Reserve's plan to fight the recession boosted commodity prices and buoyed the resource-heavy index.

Energy and gold-mining companies headlined the rally, which was largely a continuation from Wednesday's surge after the Fed unexpectedly said it would buy long-term Treasury bonds in a bid to revive the recession-hit economy.

The S&P/TSX composite index rose 61.39 points, or 0.71 per cent, to 8,690.49.

The key Toronto index is now up 16 per cent from the five-year low hit two weeks ago and finished the session at its highest closing level since Feb. 11. It was also the first time since December 2004 that the index has risen in eight straight sessions.

"What's been impressive is the way that this continued, and unlike in the States, where you have had a couple down days, we haven't had that. We've seen the market keep going," said Gavin Graham, director of Investments at BMO Asset Management.

Shares of Suncor Energy, the key driver behind the rally, rose seven per cent to close at $33.40, while EnCana Corp. closed up 4.8 per cent at $53.02.

Shares of gold miners rallied as the price of gold shot to a three-week high and inflation concerns flared as the Fed said it planned to spend $300 billion US on long-dated Treasuries.

"If they are printing lots of extra dollars to do all the buying of these Treasuries, it's probably a good idea to have something you can't print," Graham said.

REUTERS

Inflation

- Canada's annual inflation rate surged unexpectedly in February on higher food and shelter costs, but the Bank of Canada is expected to ignore the price pressures as it ponders whether to cut interest rates to historic lows.

Business in brief

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is awarding approximately $2 billion US to its American hourly employees through financial incentives, including handing out $933.6 million in bonuses yesterday, after the world's largest retailer gained market share amid a recession. Other incentives include $788.8 million in profit sharing and 401(k) contributions and millions in merchandise discounts.

TRAVEL Online travel agencies, eager to spur spring bookings in the recession, are locked in a price battle that has some of them cutting fees and reimbursing customers if the price of their trip falls after they book. REUTERS

Russia From boom to bust

ALEXANDER DEMIANCHUK/REUTERS

A woman reads a job market paper at a job fair in St. Petersburg Thursday. Millions of Russians have lost their jobs and the ruble has slumped against the dollar in the crisis, ending a 10-year boom that underpinned support for President Dmitry Medvedev and powerful Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

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Patriots sign Galloway
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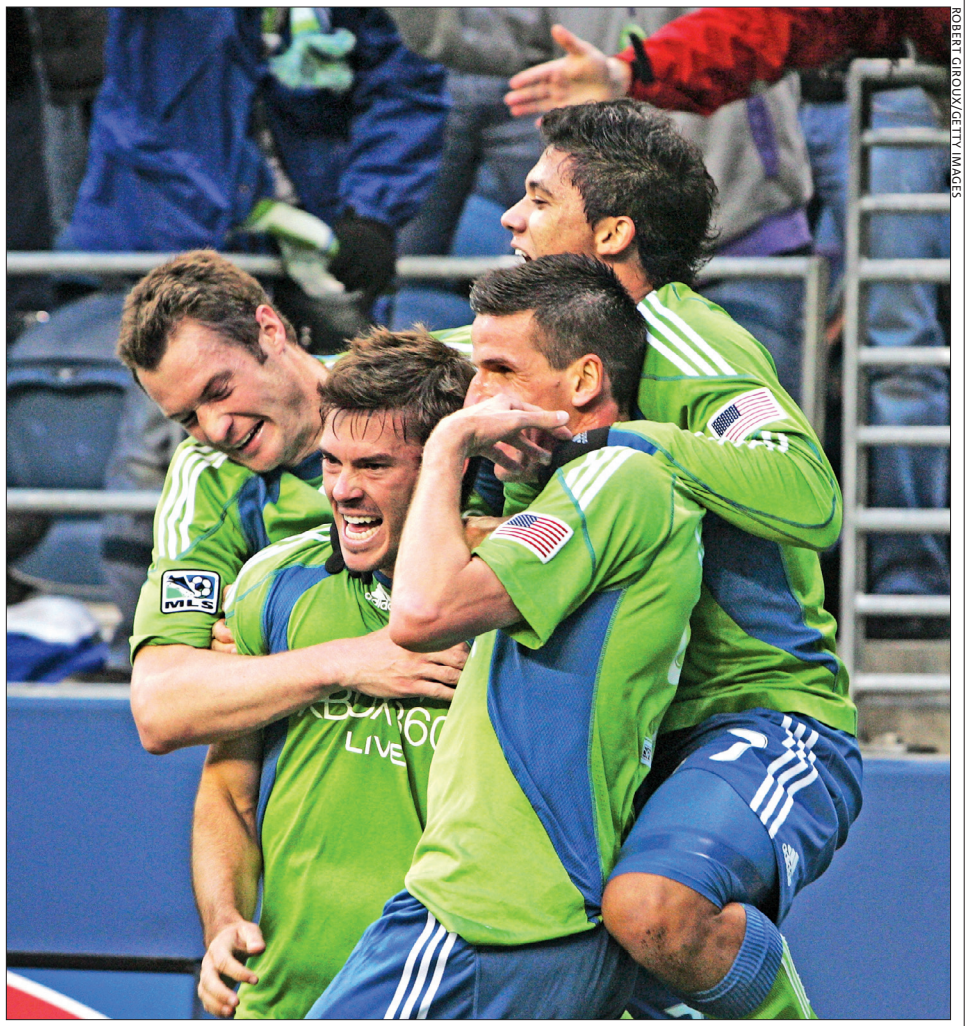
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Brad Evans of the Seattle Sounders FC is congratulated by teammates after he scored the Sounders' second goal in their 3-0 win over the New York Red Bulls Thursday in Seattle.

As other sports falter, soccer keeps growing

JustSoccer

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Wednesday's press conference to announce that Vancouver will join the MLS in 2011 came as no surprise to many. It's a club with a rich history of developing talent and producing winners, and one that had the financial backing, as well as the political support, to make it happen.

And despite the pleas of a few loud-mouthed, protectionist soccer pundits who believe it should remain an American league, the MLS made the right decision by expanding to Canada again.

The MLS will appease those short-sighted soccer patriarchs as early as Friday, when it unveils a long-term vision for the Pacific Northwest and announce Portland as the 18th MLS franchise — which will join in 2011 as well.

Again, no surprise.

But it was at that same Vancouver press conference that MLS commissioner Don Garber dropped a collective bomb on those watching when he announced the league has plans to expand to 20 teams by 2012.

So what? Well, to make that point clear — it's the beginning of what appears to be a severe recession in the U.S.

And at a time when every other major sport in North America is either looking at contraction, job cuts or has no plans for expansion in the near future, soccer is continuing to expand.

The NHL has as many as 10 markets in serious financial trouble. We learned at this year's NBA all-star break that 12 of its teams will accept a financial bailout from the league to the tune of $200 million. And even the NFL, with its rock-solid business model, appears to have backed off on its near future expansion plans.

That's in contrast to the situation in soccer. Earlier this week, MLSE, which owns Toronto FC, revealed that it is looking to expand BMO stadium by as many as 20,000 seats — which would double the current capacity.

That's music to the ears of the MLS, which is going to anger those poor U.S. soccer patriarchs once again when two Canadian cities — Ottawa and Montreal — become the frontrunners for the 2012 expansion.

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NHL **Playing the Blues**

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo deflects the puck over his head during the first period of a game against the St. Louis Blues in Vancouver Thursday. The Canucks blanked St. Louis 3-0. The Blues are playing in Calgary Friday.

Jays ace Halladay talks about Burnett

Jays ace Roy Halladay remains intensely private, while at the same time exuding a quiet confidence. Nothing ever seems to bother him or seems able to penetrate his aura of certainty.

But, on Thursday, when asked his feelings about his former locker buddy and teammate A.J. Burnett, Doc candidly admitted that it wasn't only Burnett who had trouble co-existing in the Jays clubhouse early in the relationship.

"It was definitely both ways," Halladay said of the professional and mutual angst for both men. "They label you as the No. 1 guy and you have a guy here who has more talent than you that you know, as soon as he figures it out, you're not going to be there any more. It's a different feeling than in the past, where it's just kind of handed to you. You have to embrace that and work with it."

"If you're always fighting to try and get out of shadows or get the attention, it's hard."
Roy Halladay

Burnett admitted earlier this spring that his relationship with Halladay inside the Jays clubhouse improved in the final year-and-a-half once Burnett stopped being a self-described idiot. The first year-and-a-half, Burnett's numbers and focus were not as good as they should have been, and his relationship with Halladay was strained.

"The only difference was I felt towards the end we were working together," Halladay said. "We were both pulling for each other, whereas the first part of it there was a little bit of that competition between each other, which can be good, but if you're always fighting to try and get out of shadows or get the attention, it's hard. Once we were able to work together, it made a big difference."

They are now friends. It's funny how life works, but somehow in Burnett's new position as the Yankees' No. 2 starter behind CC Sabathia, reports from that clubhouse claim that Burnett has taken to mentoring some of the younger starters, passing on many of the same lessons regarding pacing that he accepted from Halladay.

There is no fear or resentment left in Halladay. He's sincerely happy for Burnett, watching him receive a huge five-year, $83-million US contract. The Jays were likely not as happy since that has to be where Halladay's negotiations for 2011 will begin.

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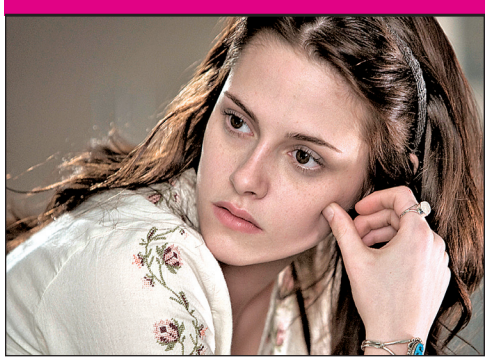

Kristen Stewart somewhat shy of her explosive fame.

Cruise working on MI4

Tom Cruise recently revealed on a Japanese show that he has started work on the fourth installment of the Mission Impossible series already and is currently focusing on putting together a storyline. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Confusion drags down Duplicity

Duplicity

Director: Tony Gilroy
Stars: Julia Roberts, Clive Owen
Classification: PG
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

While the plot is convoluted, Julia Roberts and Clive Owen have undeniable chemistry in Duplicity.

Some films are best tested with a clean slate — that is, if you have no preconceptions about them whatsoever. Duplicity is probably not one of those movies.

For instance, you should know that, contrary to the fact Duplicity was written and directed by Tony Gilroy, it's much less pensive than his directorial debut Michael Clayton. In fact, it plays more in tone like a cross between Ocean's Eleven and Mr. & Mrs. Smith. Also, be warned — Duplicity has a convoluted plot that, in spite of its lightness, carries the heftiness of a giant.

A romantic-thriller set in the world of corporate espionage, Clive Owen and Julia Roberts are well-cast as two global agents turned corporate spies with a sketchy past. See, before stumbling into each other in the private world, Roberts romanced Owen before commandeering Egyptian air defence codes in his possession.

Now working on opposing sides of rival pharmaceutical giants, the pair are either rekindling their love or conspiring for revenge against each other — we're never sure, and a constant flood of flashbacks only add to the confusion.

Now there's no denying the chemistry between Roberts and Owen (remember how good they were together in 2004's Closer?) and Gilroy's panache for style and dialogue certainly carries a lot of weight.

But as clever and adept as his script is at creating uncertainty in his characters' motives, it's also the film's fatal deficiency.

Sure, there is some fun play, but after a while all that (ahem) duplicity between Owen and Roberts feels pretty cumbersome to a simple moviegoer looking for escape on a Friday night.

RiP highlights copyright issue

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Leaked albums, lawsuits and an industry on its knees have been the public face in the war over intellectual property so far. But Brett Gaylor wants to change that with his film RiP: A Remix Manifesto.

The film lays out a battle between corporate forces determined to place legal bonds and a price tag on copyrighted material and an Internet movement — the copy-fighters — pushing for a free, open source approach.

Gaylor had little interest in the legal rights of ideas, but was introduced to the subject through his love of remix culture.

Through that interest, he discovered party DJ Greg Gillis who, under his stage name Girl Talk, is the living embodiment of the copy-fight movement. Gillis specializes in mash-ups — blending two songs together, usually the vocal of one over the music of another.

But by manipulating the copyrighted work of others, Girl Talk is breaking the law. "He's making his music by remixing the whole entire history of music," Gaylor said.

Gaylor knew converting the uninitiated meant that the film had to move beyond the debate over music and make a connection with farther-reaching intellectual property laws.

Drug companies, for instance, are loath to give up patent rights on drugs so no-name versions can be cheaply made and distributed in poor countries.

"(The debate) has been framed as a kid stealing songs," he says, but it's a much broader debate.

"There's a whole other side to this story that you might not have thought about."

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Movies

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Powerful realism in film

Polytechnique

Director: Denis Villeneuve
Stars: Karine Vanasse, Sebastien Huberdeau, Maxim Gaudette
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Polytechnique, starring Karine Vanadda, Sebastien Huberdeau and Maxim Gaudette, recreates the 1989 Montreal Massacre in black and white.

We all knew that a movie about the 1989 Montreal Massacre would be made eventually. The event was simply too dramatic, frightening, and culturally significant to avoid making it to the silver screen.

The fact that Polytechnique was made was in no way surprising. The fact that it turned out to be an incredibly powerful and emotionally draining movie that vividly recreates those disturbing events is definitely a surprise. Denis Villeneuve's Polytechnique just might be the best Canadian movie we'll see in 2009.

Rather than conforming to a conventional single protagonist three-act narrative, screenwriter Jacques David's takes a cue from Gus Van Sant's brilliant school shooting film Elephant and follows several equally weighted protagonists to show the tragedy from multiple perspectives.

The audience follows two female students, a male student, and an unnamed assassin throughout the course of their day. The result: All their mundane daily routines are dreaded as viewers expects the shooting to kick in at any time.

Once it happens, the sequences are handled with such gut-wrenchingly realism that it genuinely feels like being there. Some incredible naturalistic acting from the entire cast only makes things even more unbearable (in a good way).

Director Denis Villeneuve shot in gorgeous monochromatic black and white that gives the film a distinct look without sacrificing any cinematic immediacy. The only possible misstep is a coda that takes place years after the shooting, showing the devastating impact it had on the survivors.

While I can understand why the filmmakers included this material out of respect for those who lived through the massacre, it does feel like subject matter that warrants another movie. The scenes are a little rushed and don't pack a fraction of the power of what precedes them.

Still, the ending hardly dilutes what comes before and does not change the fact that Polytechnique is one of the most effective and unforgettable films to come out of Canada in recent years.

Buddy movies a fave

InFocus

The new issue of Vanity Fair says Paul Rudd may become "this generation's Jack Lemmon." It's an astute observation given the release of this weekend's I Love You, Man, a buddy comedy co-starring Rudd and Jason Segel. They play BFFs with nothing in common except friendship.

If that set-up sounds familiar, it should. Lemmon was a buddy film pioneer and his popularity helped establish the genre as a top Hollywood moneymaker. As The Odd Couple's Felix Unger, his famous one-liner, "I'm a neurotic nut, but you're crazy," wouldn't be out of place in I Love You.

Without Lemmon bouncing wisecracks off a mismatched pal, there may never have been a Pineapple Express or Swingers.

It can be argued that buddy comedies have always been a Hollywood staple. Abbott and Costello or Laurel and Hardy were making them long before Lemmon and Tony Curtis donned dresses and camped it up in Some Like It Hot.

The basic formula was there — colliding personalities, wisecracks and comic conflict between the two actors — but most important is the chemistry between the two. Sparks have to fly, or the whole thing falls flat.

So why have the movies endured over the years? Maybe it's because they make good date movies, or because men bond over them and women like to see how men behave when they're not around. Says Barry Levinson, director of Diner: "It's amazing how different things are when guys are with guys and guys are with women."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Pitt, Portman to star in new flick
Brad Pitt and Natalie Portman have signed on for a romantic comedy based on a book by Leanne Shapton. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Knowing too much, too little

Knowing
Director: Alex Proyas
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Combining elements of numerology, theology, fatalism and the notion of alien life in what is basically a glorified disaster movie, Knowing accomplishes the improbable combination of giving us way too much and yet not enough.

When his son's school unearths a 50-year-old time capsule, troubled professor John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) comes across an odd document scribbled with seemingly random numbers.

During a bout of whiskey-soaked inspiration, however, Koestler discovers that each set of digits provides the dates and locations of every major disaster that's occurred since the capsule's burial.

Impossible, right? Wrong. And worse, he determines that a few of the dates are about to arrive, sending Koestler on a race to prevent devastation.

Of course there's more to it than that — like creepy albino humanoids that inexplicably appear in the distance for no apparent reason or the mysteriously-placed black stones that seem harder to clean up than sand in shag carpeting. But many of these strange occurrences, although nifty enough, just seem unnecessarily inconsequential.

No stranger to science fiction, director Alex Proyas (I, Robot) may have been too wrapped up in the mystery of it all to just focus in the area where he truly succeeds: The action.

Whether it's the film's remarkable subway wreck or a mesmerizing plane crash, Proyas captures a sense of great intensity in these epic sequences that's sorely lacking in the rest of the movie.

I Love You raunchy but romantic

I Love You, Man
Director: John Hamburg
Stars: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel, Jon Favreau
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

I Love You, Man is a star-filled and unabashed mainstream comedy that leaves the audience feeling pleasant whether they like it or not.

Normally this type of filmmaking can be irritatingly predictable, but writer/director John Hamburg packed his cast with the right talent and toys with conventions just enough to make audiences remember why the well-worn formulas worked so well in the first place.

In keeping with the output of club Apatow, this movie is both realistically raunchy and surprisingly sweet, and features an unironic romantic ending.

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel make for an absurdly funny duo in John Hamburg's I Love You, Man.

Paul Rudd stars as a recently engaged guy with no candidates for his best man. At the encouragement of his fiancée, Rudd embarks on a series of awkward man dates to find a new best friend.

What follows is a hilarious and surprisingly insightful portrait of male friendship as well as a gentle parody of romantic comedy conventions with two dudes as the onscreen couple.

It's an uncharacteristically smart variation on the most popular contemporary comedy form, aided by an absurdly funny cast.

Rudd and Segel's small guy/gangly guy duo look like a classic comedy team and their offscreen friendship gives them natural comedic chemistry. If they were the only funny characters in the movie, it would score consistent laughs, but a vast supporting cast of comedians that includes Jon Favreau, Andy Samberg, JK Simmons, Aziz Ansari and others takes the movie to another level.

Almost every scene contains a moment of hysterical improvisation from the stacked cast, while still retaining a strong structure from Hamburg's clever script.

This may not be a movie with ambitions of greatness and it does have one unfortunately boring straight girl role for Rudd's fiancée, but I Love You, Man still generates enough laughs to be easy crowd pleaser. Plus, it does it all without insulting your intelligence.

This is about as good as mainstream comedy gets.

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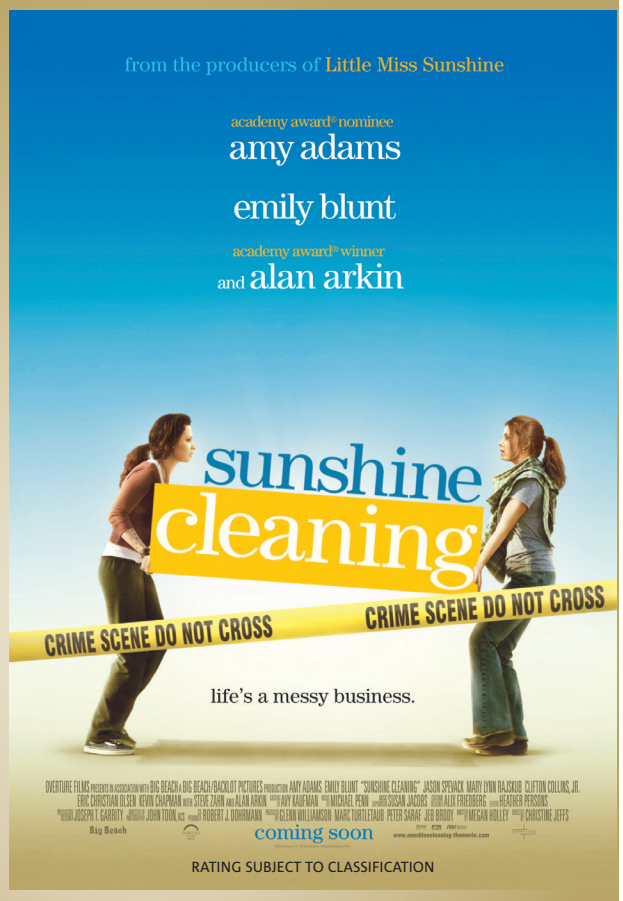

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Music

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METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music fans watching wallets

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

David Silverberg is your typical music fan. The Toronto-based writer buys about seven albums a year and goes to shows every six weeks. Or at least that's what he did until the recession forced him to take a hard look at how he spends his cash.

"I'm definitely buying less music and going to less concerts," he says. "I can put my money towards more applicable things. Concerts are nice an enjoyable, but not necessary."

Thousands of music lovers across Canada are dealing with the same financial dilemmas as Silverberg right now, and many are choosing to cut back on their music consumption.

Aaron Brophy, Chartattack.com's managing editor, says the fans who will abandon their regular concert-going routine first will be people who have lost their jobs. "They won't be purchasing tickets or albums or band t-shirts anymore," he says.

Luckily, in the Internet era, cash strapped fans can connect to artists in ways other than buying albums. Silverberg has turned to MySpace, where many acts stream full albums, and he frequents a Toronto Blues bar Tuesday nights because the music is good and, more importantly, free.

Legal downloading is another way to listen to music relatively cheaply. Digital albums often cost less and buying a few 99 cent tracks won't hurt the pocket book as much.

"Pursuing legal downloads is the way things are going, and you would think that might speed up," says Paul Gagnon, who teaches financial strategies at Toronto's Harris Institute, a music management school. "Hopefully people do capitalize on that idea. It only makes more sense now to focus on digital delivery for content."

Music lovers across Canada are dealing with financial dilemmas associated with the recession.

Clearly, people's music buying habits will shift if the recession continues, but so will the way they find out about upcoming bands. At the beginning of the year Chart Magazine abandoned its print product to go exclusively online, MuchMusic cancelled The New Music in December, and now a funding shortfall at Canada's public broadcaster could put indie music station CBC Radio 3 in jeopardy.

"Cancelling these programs affects the artists and the potential fan base for those artists," says Gagnon. "Will they still get exposure elsewhere off of TV?"

The answer to that is yes, though it might become harder to reach that critical mass if music news is found on disparate blogs. However, while there are more music blogs than ever for fans to peruse, Brophy thinks people will continue to turn to brand name publications to get their music fix.

"(Blogs are) fun, but in the long run, actual reporting with depth and diverse content will win out," he says.

Gagnon agrees. "It's not too late for music magazine's to build their brand online," he explains. "They still have the best access to artists and have talented writers. They can capitalize on that."

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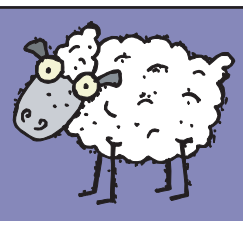

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Music

Pearl Jam revisits Ten

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
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Imagine this: After years of false starts and disappointments, things finally click for your new band. Not only does your debut record sell more than 15 million copies, but also becomes one of the cornerstones of the grunge revolution and a staple of Gen X's musical diet forevermore.

Now imagine this: No matter how many people tell you that your record is great, you still hate how it sounds. Welcome to the world of Pearl Jam and their Ten album.

But come Tuesday, the band will finally get what they've always wanted: A version of Ten that meets with their approval. They tapped their favourite producer, Brendan O'Brien, to remix it using its original parts. Think "refurbishment" instead of "renovation."

"We put a lot of work into that record," guitarist Stone Gossard told me, "and I think in the end, we were happy with it. But as much as we love (Ten producer Tim Palmer), it's really exciting to go back and revisit it."

Few bands get this kind of musical mulligan. "(Brendan) tweaked the colour and the sound," says Stone, "You can hear a lot more energy coming out of it."

"I think it was more about production values," Eddie Vedder confided to me, "It wasn't how it was played. There were certain things done in the studio to accentuate this part or that part — an effect or an echo. Looking back, it feels like artificial atmosphere. On the remixed version, it gets stripped down a bit and becomes closer to what the initial core of what that music was at the time."

I must confess that even after talking to Pearl Jam, I

wasn't convinced — until I heard the new version. The guitars are ... bigger, fatter, better. The mix seems cleaner and the music has extra clarity. Even though I've heard songs from Ten countless times since it was released in 1991, I heard bits in the new mix that I had never heard before.

Put aside your scepticism. This version of Ten is better than the original in every way. And if you get the chance, listen to the new vinyl edition.

"That's the thing you get to do if you stick around long enough," adds Stone.

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McCormack comes back

Will & Grace star Eric McCormack could be returning to series comedy. Reno Wilson, Jolie Jenkins and Constance Zimmer also have been cast in the untitled ABC pilot from writer-producer Tad Quill (Spin City, Dirty Sexy Money). REUTERS

Television

Style with a global sense

Iman visits Toronto to support home-grown fashion talent

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Iman believes Canadians have just as much fashion sense — and talent — as anyone around the world.

The ever-alluring supermodel and host of Project Runway Canada is in Toronto for LG Fashion Week to support Canadian alumni from last season's cycle of the show and kick off a showing of full collections by this season's final three designers.

With modern fashion melding influences from across the world, Iman sees Canadian talent as being no less potent than those around the world.

"I don't really see anything territorial about fashion because fashion is truly global. Designers are getting inspiration from everywhere. If you look at Elle Canada or any of the other magazines, you see Canadian designers alongside European and American designers," she said.

While designers in Canadian cities close to New York City might sometimes feel overshadowed by the fashion capital, Iman says they shouldn't.

"The proximity to New York sometimes makes it difficult for (Canadian) designers because there is that spirit of being a stepchild. But they shouldn't feel that way, because the customer doesn't care where the dress is from as long as it looks good," Iman said.

"I don't really see anything territorial about fashion because fashion is truly global"
Supermodel Iman

Influential designer Yves Saint Laurent called Iman his "dream woman" and many other famous designers have admitted the statuesque beauty has served as their muse. Iman believes Vancouver-born supermodel Coco Rocha will prove an equally legendary muse to designers around the world.

"Coco is amazing. Canadians should be very proud that she's Canadian but the whole world is claiming her because she's that good. She has a beauty that is very classical but could also look edgy. Her pictures come alive," Iman said.

Along with hosting Project Runway, Iman is CEO of her own cosmetics brand and spokesperson for the Keep a Child Alive charity. Despite being busier now than she even was as a model, Iman still finds time to spend with her husband, famed musician David Bowie, and be a mom.

Project Runway Canada host Iman is in Toronto this week to support Canadian alumni from last season's show.

"I have an eight-year-old, so my life is aligned to that first. I still cook at home, I still take my kid to school, I still have to go to PTA meetings. I always tell people, 'If you only knew how normal (my life) is,'" Iman said.

Though the tough economy has forced many fashion labels to shift focus away from high-end offerings, Iman doesn't necessarily see that as a bad thing.

"Fashion is all about change — if it doesn't change, it doesn't move forward. It has gone from one extreme to the other. Now the consumer is dictating where fashion is going to go. In the meantime I'm hoping that there will still be clothes that will uplift us," Iman said.

Kristen Stewart reluctant, yet busy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Kristen Stewart may be the hottest rising star in movies, but she may also be its most reluctant.

"It feels so good to have something that you love received so hotly," said the 18-year old actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "(But) something that you're done with, to fixate on it, it's like I'm so ready to get on with the next thing but I do understand why people are eager to hear about it."

"Everyone's like 'oh, you're working with a man now, it's going to be completely different.'"
Kristen Stewart on New Moon director Chris Weitz

Stewart, of course, is talking about the uncomfortable amount of attention she's received over her hit vampire thriller Twilight (being released on DVD this Saturday) and its sequel New Moon, which is about to start filming under Chris Weitz (The Golden Compass) who took over directing duty from Catherine Hardwicke in December.

"Everyone's like 'oh, you're working with a man now, it's going to be completely different' (but) it's really neither here nor there," said Stewart. "I feel that he understands the characters that we're playing very well and that he's actually very invested in them; he's not just stoked to be on a successful movie."

Stewart has been pretty successful herself. Not only has she signed on to play rocker Joan Jett in the upcoming biopic The Runaways, but before she departs to the set of New Moon, she's frantically answering questions about her latest comedy Adventureland (in theatres April 3) — a hilarious new film in which she plays Em, a carnival worker who must choose between young, naïve James or the married man she's been having an affair with.

"She's fairly damaged; she's got an odd number of hang-ups," said Stewart on what attracted her to the role. "Anybody who has issues that they can't get over and you see the potential in them, all you want to do is (say) 'let that shine, let that come out' and that's what I love about the movie — when she's with (James) it actually does."

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Tributes roll in for 'golden' Richardson

DEATH Directors, actors and critics paid tribute to Natasha Richardson Thursday after her death one day earlier from a severe brain injury in a skiing accident in Quebec earlier this week.

The 45-year-old, a member of Britain's Redgrave acting dynasty and an accomplished stage and screen performer, passed away in a New York hospital Wednesday.

New York's medical examiner said the cause of death was an epidural hematoma caused by a blunt impact, meaning a bruise to the head that caused bleeding in the brain.

Britain's bestselling daily tabloids the Daily Mirror and The Sun dedicated their front pages to the news, expressing shock felt by the family and wider public that what had seemed a relatively minor fall on the slopes ended tragically.

In a statement released just before midnight London time, family spokesman Alan Nierob said: "Liam Neeson, his sons, and the entire family are shocked and devastated by the tragic death of their beloved Natasha. They are profoundly grateful for the support, love and prayers of everyone, and ask for privacy during this very difficult time."

Richardson had been hospitalized in New York since Tuesday, surrounded by her husband, actor Liam Neeson, her two sons Michael, 13, and Daniel Jack, 12, and members of her immediate family including her mother, actress Vanessa Redgrave.

Film maker Ken Russell, who directed Richardson in the 1986 film Gothic, said the actress was "always poised, prepared, focused and very, very bright.

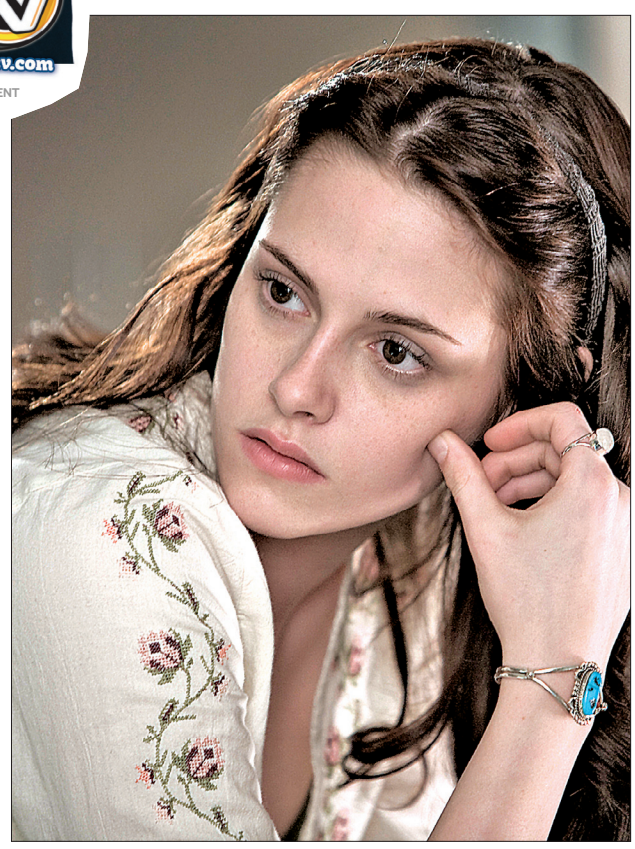
"Her beauty was golden," he wrote in The Times of London. "That's the word that keeps coming to mind … She was one of the few modern actresses who was as smart as she was pretty, and as gentle as she was fierce."

Actress Judi Dench spoke of Richardson's "luminous quality.

"It's just been so shocking, really shocking and I hope that everybody in the family, quietly, can somehow pick up the pieces," Dench told BBC television.

In her blog, actress Jane Fonda recalled meeting Richardson as a girl on the set of Julia, the 1977 film for which Redgrave won her Academy Award.

"She was a little girl but already beautiful and graceful," Fonda wrote. "It didn't surprise me that she became such a talented actor … It is hard to even imagine what it must be like for her family." REUTERS



Kristen Stewart has received a lot of attention over her hit vampire thriller Twilight and its sequel, New Moon.

More Dog Whisperer for all

National Geographic Channel's popular Dog Whisperer has been renewed for a sixth season. The Friday night staple starring dog guru Cesar Millan has been granted 30 more episodes, which will roll out sometime later this year. REUTERS

Television

Jon Stewart's slams called unfair

NBC Universal chief executive Jeff Zucker fired back at comedian Jon Stewart recently, saying it was "unfair" and "absurd" for the funnyman to criticize CNBC and its coverage of financial news.

"Everybody wants to find a scapegoat. That's human nature," Zucker said during a keynote address at a media industry conference. "But to suggest that the business media or CNBC was responsible for what is going on now is absurd.

"Just because someone who mocks authority says something doesn't make it so," Zucker said, describing the comedian's comments as "completely out of line."

Zucker's comments are the latest salvo in a war of words with Stewart, who hosts the mock news program The Daily Show with Jon Stewart on the Comedy Central cable television network.

Stewart has blasted CNBC's reporting of the financial market meltdown, saying the channel was too cosy with corporate chiefs and key government officials.

Speaking later on Wednesday at the same event, Viacom chief executive Philippe Dauman defended Stewart, among the top stars of his company's Comedy Central network.

"He's very smart and has a connection with the zeitgeist," Dauman said. "Jon Stewart's one of the few people on air who spoke to what people were thinking out there."

Stewart has lobbed particularly harsh criticism at CNBC commentator Jim Cramer, and last week invited him for an appearance on the comedy show, where he hammered the guest for his coverage of Wall Street.

> **"Listen, you knew what the banks were doing ... Now to pretend that this was some sort of crazy, once-in-a-lifetime tsunami that nobody could have seen coming is disingenuous at best and criminal at worst."**
> Jon Stewart

"Listen, you knew what the banks were doing, yet were touting it for months and months," Stewart said during his March 12 show. "The entire network was. Now to pretend that this was some sort of crazy, once-in-a-lifetime tsunami that nobody could have seen coming is disingenuous at best and criminal at worst."

Zucker, speaking at the McGraw-Hill Media Summit in New York Wednesday, said that CNBC's reporters and commentators had done a "terrific" job and the network remained a "go-to" place for financial news.

"It's unfair to CNBC and to the business media in general," Zucker said. "I don't think you can blame what happened here on the business media."

Zucker said he felt the public was tired of hearing the media blamed for its coverage of financial news. "Frankly, I already think you're seeing a backlash," he said. REUTERS

Jon Stewart has criticized CNBC for failing to expose problems with banks and lenders.

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primetime 3/20/09	243	317 3 CFCN	etalk	Hollywood	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		News (N)
	-	- 4 OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News		News		The Simpsons	King	Metropia
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20
	245	306 6 CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	Easton Meets West (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Harvest"		Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News Hour
	246	- 8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		Man Tracker		Survivorman		Out There	Out There	Your City
	-	372 12 KREM	Basketball	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 1st Rd. -- Wisconsin vs. Florida State					Hollywood	Paid Program	Paid Program
	-	374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Vicar of Dibley
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC
	-	373 22 KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		India Reborn (Part 1 of 4)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		India Reborn
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	Basketball	SportsCentre		That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (HDTV)		
	408	418 27 net	NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live)					Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Connected		Flames in Hour
family	552	543 20 YTV	March Break	March Break	*New York Minute* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Ashley Olsen.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz (N)
	557	541 39 FAM	Han. Montana	Sonny Chance	*Dadnapped* (2009, Comedy), Jason Earles			*Roxy Hunter: The Myth of the Mermaid* (2008)			*Baby-Sitters*
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	Are You Smarter		20/20 (HDTV)		Friday Night Lights (N)		News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Challenge		Kylie Kwong
	615	520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Addiction"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Pirated"		CSI: Miami
	617	522 32 SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Durham County		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	520	505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Oregon"		Deranged (N)		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Oregon"		Heli-Loggers
	628	584 43 SPIKE	DEA "Drug Dealing Deli"		Real Vice	Real Vice	Disorderly Conduct: Video		MANswers	MANswers	GameTrailers
	522	516 45 HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		Jurassic Fight Club		Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Trck
	581	566 102 MTV	Nitro Circus	Fantasy Fact.	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus (N)	MTV Live	Cribs	The Real World		Fantasy Fact.

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 3/21/09	243	317 3 CFCN	W-FIVE Cancer; bars. (N)		Law & Order "Pledge"		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				News (N)
	-	- 4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin		*Some Like It Hot* (2008, Comedy) Ahn So-hee.				Trendy Zone	Word for Word	Chinese Rest.
	-	371 5 KXLY	News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		*Flightplan* ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.				Castle
	245	306 6 CBRT	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Phoenix Coyotes. (HDTV) (Live)					HNIC -- After Hours	
	244	338 7 CICT	Global Currents: Rich Nation		National Aboriginal Achievement Awards			Masterminds	Doc "Swing Shift"		News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		*Two of Hearts* (1999, Romance-Comedy) Gail O'Grady.				The City Show
	-	372 12 KREM	College Basketball		Cold Case "Red Glare"		Paid Program	Paid Program	Access Hollywood (N)		48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Time Goes By	*A Thousand Clowns* ★★★ (1965, Comedy)				Billy Joel
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				Law & Order
	-	373 22 KAYU	House "Que Sera Sera"		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report	Fortune	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	fifth estate
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	SportsCentre	Curling Canada Cup -- Semifinals. From Yorkton, Sask. (Live)							Hockey
	408	418 27 net	Baseball World Classic Semifinal -- Teams TBA. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.						Sportsnet Connected		Poker
family	552	543 20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	*Beetlejuice* ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton.				Naruto
	557	541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*3 Ninjas Kick Back* ★★ (1994, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	Chef School	E News	*Lost in the Dark* (2007, Suspense) Mae Whitman.				Show Yours	G-Spot	E News
	603	561 25 FOOD	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word		Challenge		Ult. Recipe
	615	520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	617	522 32 SHOW	(5) *Spider-Man 2*		Mutant X		*Making Mr. Right* (2008, Romance-Comedy) Dean Cain.				*The Departed*
	520	505 35 DISC	Destroyed	Time Warp	A Haunting in Connecticut				Destroyed	Time Warp	Haunting-Conn.
	628	584 43 SPIKE	(6) *Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi* (1983, Science Fiction)				Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
	522	516 45 HIST	A Treasure Ship's Tragedy		NCIS		Mob Stories		*Braveheart* (1995, Historical Drama)		
	581	566 102 MTV	MTV News	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 3/22/09	243	317 3 CFCN	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Mentalist		The Amazing Race 14		Desperate Housewives		News (N)
	-	- 4 OMNI	Without a Trace		King	King	Bollywood Boulevard		The Quest of Buffalo Spirit		Chardi Kalaa
	-	371 5 KXLY	News	Storm Stories	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	245	306 6 CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)		India Reborn (HDTV Part 2 of 2) (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Who Do-Think
	244	338 7 CICT	16:9 Picture	King of the Hill	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Hates Chris	Kings "Prosperity" (N)		Rock of Love Bus		Reviews
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)		60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit
	-	374 14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic "David Copperfield" (Part 2 of 2)				MI-5
	-	370 16 KHQ	News	Best Sports	Dateline NBC (N)		Kings "Prosperity" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
	-	373 22 KAYU	House		American Dad	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Shock Wave Surviving the next quake/tsunami. (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Shock Wave
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	NHL Hockey	Curling Canada Cup -- Men's Final. From Yorkton, Sask. (Live)							SportsCentre
	408	418 27 net	(6) Baseball World Classic Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)		Oilers in Hour
family	552	543 20 YTV	*Barnyard: The Original Party Animals* (2006, Comedy)				SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj
	557	541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*The Mighty* ★★★ (1998, Drama)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	Inside Hollywood (DVS)		Sheryl Crow: THS		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
	603	561 25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef		The Heat	The Heat	Challenge		Iron Chef Am.
	615	520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		CSI: Miami
	617	522 32 SHOW	*Meet-Parents*	Trailer Park	The Guard "The Hold"		*The One That Got Away* (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.				Damages
	520	505 35 DISC	Bear Feeding Frenzy (N)		MythBusters		Anthony Bourdain		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Bear Feeding
	628	584 43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers
	522	516 45 HIST	Great Escape-Canadian Story		NCIS "Witch Hunt"		Stalingrad		*Enemy at the Gates* ★★ (2001, War)		
	581	566 102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV News	MTV Presents: Summer		Cribs

NBC tunes into singing competition for show

TELEVISION NBC is launching a singing competition series destined to draw comparisons to Fox's American Idol.

The project is called The Sing Off, and it's billed as the first a cappella singing-style reality series.

"This is a fantastic feel-good series that viewers of all ages can enjoy," said Paul Telegdy, executive vice-president alternative at NBC and Universal Media Studios. "To hear these singing groups re-create a popular song with only the sounds of their voices is truly amazing."

Citing artists such as Justin Timberlake, the network described the show as "bringing modern singing to the forefront of pop culture" with "no lip-syncing, no backup bands, no net."

The launch date for the eight-week series has not been decided, though presumably it will bow in summer or fall — during the Idol off-season. The winner will receive a Sony Music recording contract. Judges and host talent have yet to be announced.

Although Idol contestants perform with music accompaniment during the Hollywood rounds, in early tryout episodes they sing a cappella.

NBC tried to capture some Idol magic last summer by moving USA Network's country music singing competition series Nashville Star to the broadcast network.

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CBS renews two comedies

CBS has closed a deal to renew the Warner Bros. TV-produced comedies Two and a Half Men and The Big Bang Theory, as the two companies also settled their $49 million lawsuit. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

Television

The omnipresent Osmonds?

It seems the famous siblings are always on TV these days

At first it seemed like a coincidence: Donny Osmond, the wholesome '70s teen idol turned 51-year-old grandfather of two, popping up on The Insider (weekdays on NBC, E) to yak about Dancing with the Stars, the notorious Octo-mom and his cheesy Vegas show with sister Marie.

"Look who's back!" crowed host Lara Spencer as the beaming kitsch icon, looking like a less-aged Wayne Newton, bopped excitedly in his seat.

Donny Osmond, a grinning beacon of pop's shameful past, has somehow weaseled his way back into the pop-cult spotlight.

"My dancing shoes are already warm from Vegas!" he intoned, making a bid for next season's lineup of Dancing with the Stars.

"My dancing shoes are already warm from Vegas."
Donny Osmond

And then, like a spring-loaded rodent from the midway Whack-A-Mole, he popped up again a few nights later, still yammering about Dancing, introducing a slate of goofy wedding videos and confirming once again that, yes, he would be thrilled to shake his booty on Dancing with the Stars, ahem, should he be asked.

Unsure what to make of it, I flicked on Entertainment Tonight (7:30 p.m. weekdays on NBC, Global) to find — gak — his sister Marie, who served her own headline-grabbing stint on Dancing two seasons ago, being treated like visiting royalty by the outrageously overcaffeinated Mary Hart.

"How's your life — seriously?" grilled the fawning co-host, eager to dish about the 49-year-old's romantic travails.

"It's good!" trilled Marie happily.

"Are you dating someone?"

Marie giggled. "I'm dating a few people!"

It went on from there, no particular point to it, no real reason for the twice-divorced mother of eight to be on the show, except, of course, that she's Marie.

"What the heck is this?" I exploded at the cat. "Who cares who Marie is dating? Who cares what Donny thinks of Dancing with the Stars?"

Logging onto the Internet Movie Database website (imdb.com), you'll discover these tabloid insurrections aren't isolated events, with Donny and Marie chalking up almost 200 appearances between them on Entertainment Tonight and The Insider in the past two years alone.

Two hundred appearances? Isn't it enough they terrorized an entire generation with their spasmatic '70s variety show that saw Donny toppling into oversized cream pies while Marie joked about purple socks and tittered girlishly from the sidelines?

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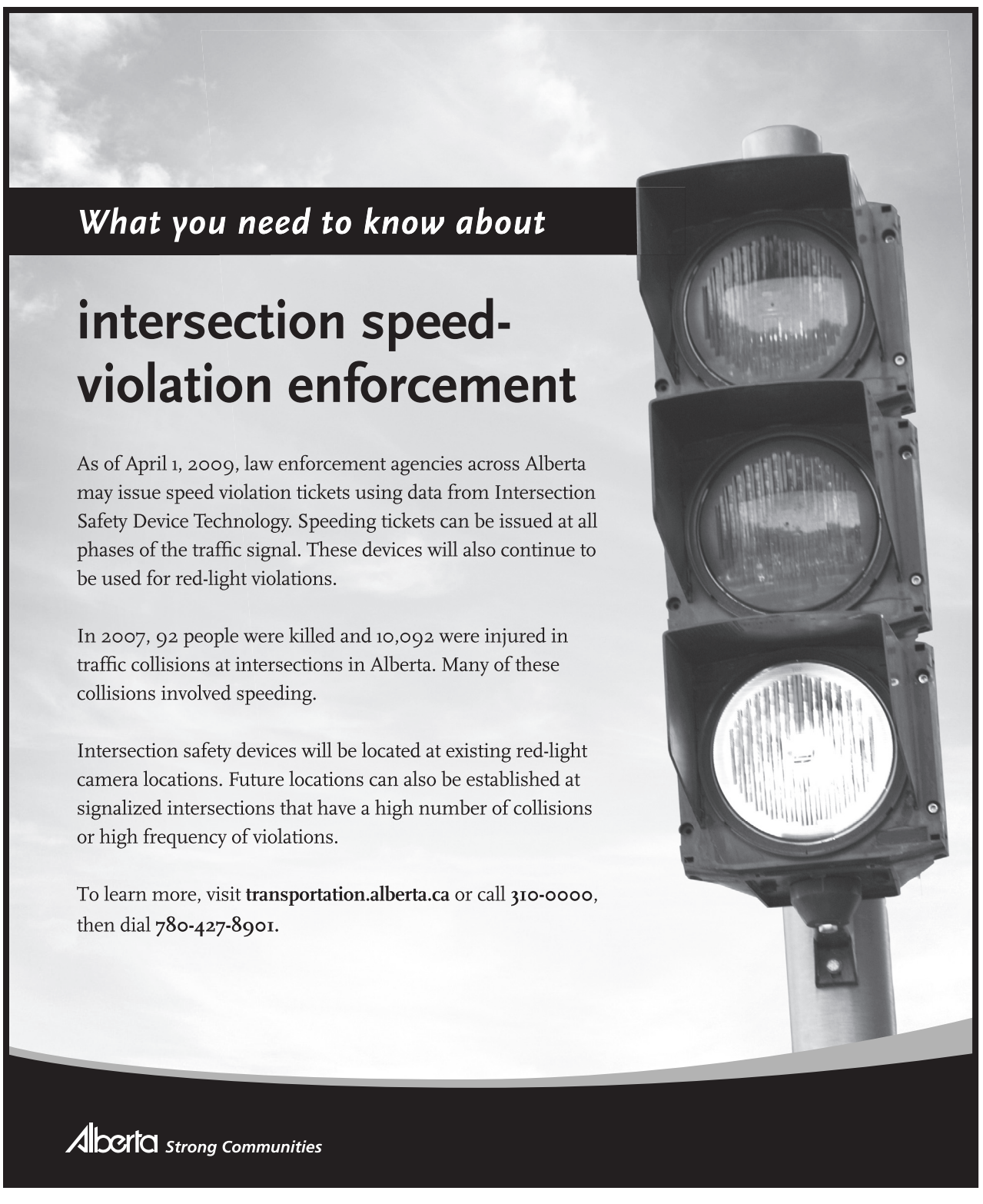
GETTY IMAGES

Marie and Donnie Osmond have appeared on TV almost 200 times collectively in the past two years, according to Imdb.com.



VH1 resuscitates Behind the Music
VH1 is reviving its former signature series Behind the Music. The cable network is ordering about 10 new episodes of Music, bringing back the iconic documentary program that ran for seven years on VH1 starting in 1997. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Plain White T's
When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: SAIT's The Gateway, 1301 – 16 Ave NW.
The rock band famous for singing about Delilah hit up the college scene at SAIT's The Gateway this Saturday.

French SLAM!
When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: Alliance Française, Memorial Park, 1221 – 2 St SW.
Two Parisian authors are featured in a pre-event for the Calgary International Spoken Word Festival. They will perform their human beat box in poetry form.

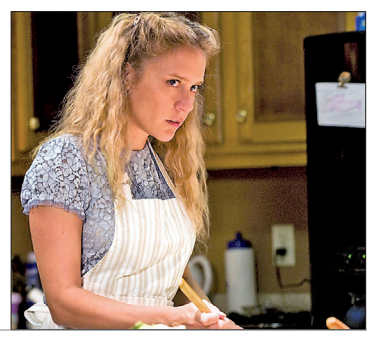
John Mckee
When: Debuts Saturday.
Where: Loch Gallery, 1516 – 4 St SW.
See Western Canada through Calgarian John Mckee's eyes this weekend at the Loch Gallery.

Songwriters
When: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: Engineered Air Theatre
As part of the TransCanada Alberta Music Series, this concert showcases the hotbed of emerging and established songwriters in Alberta.

Fringe Festival Rewind
When: Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., 9 p.m., and 11 p.m.
Where: Various locations
The popular festival of plays will be showcasing their best pieces.

The Lieutenant of Inishmore
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.
Where:Vertigo Theatre at the base of the Calgary Tower
The Lieutenant of Inishmore tells the tale of a ruthless Irish Liberation Army enforcer.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Big Love

TELEVISION Big Love gave viewers a look inside Mormon sacred rituals earlier in the week, but did so with HBO first apologizing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

2 Cadbury Creme Eggs

FOOD The holiday is still a couple weeks away, but store shelves are already crammed fuller than the Easter bunny's basket — with Cadbury Creme Eggs, Lindt chocolate bunnies, and other candy treats sure to tempt shoppers.

3 Toronto Fashion Week

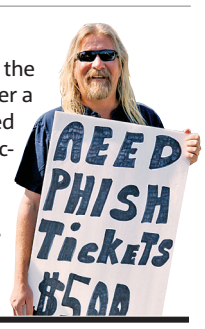
FASHION Toronto was the hub of action this week as hundreds of fashion fans gathered for the city's 10th annual fashion week. Runway shows included Joe Fresh (pictured right), Pink Tartan, Comrags, Andy Thé-Anh, Bustle, Linda Lundstrom and more. Even supermodel Iman praised Canada's style talent while in town for the season finale of Project Runway.

4 Barbie Mania
FASHION Designer David Dixon got rave reviews for his 40-piece fashion collection inspired by Barbie. The collection marks the doll's 50th anniversary and will be available for sale in September — so you too can dress like a Barbie girl.

5 Twilight hits shelves

DVD Twilight only screened in theatres a few months ago, but the DVD hits store shelves Saturday — giving every teen and tween the opportunity to pause the action and swoon at vampire Edward Cullen's brooding pouts.

6 Twitter
TECH More and more people and businesses are starting to tweet, including Metro, which launched at twitter.com/vancouvermetro on Monday. Not only that, but Metro went digital too, with BlackBerry and iPhone platforms — so you can get the top news and enter contests wherever you are. Visit metronews.ca to learn more.

7 Phish return


MUSIC A three-night celebration of the band Phish's return to the stage after a half decade away from music proved to be a good night for police too. According to reports, officers confiscated about $1.2 million in illegal drugs and more than $68,000 in cash from concertgoers, and arrested 194 Phish fans attending the Hampton, Va., concert last weekend.

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Calgary comic goes kid-friendly

Ryan Belleville is doggone PG in Finn on the Fly

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON
for Metro Calgary

Calgary comic Ryan Belleville has cleaned up his act. From stand-up bits about punching cats and porn moustaches to a raunchy role in teen flick Going the Distance (2004), the comedian's material is not always kid-friendly.

Surprisingly Finn on the Fly — shot in Regina and Moose Jaw and opening this weekend in Calgary — is his second children's movie role. The first was Disney's made-for-TV film Stuck in the Suburbs.

"It's funny 'cause, I am not a vulgar performer, but I am not a family performer either — I have done some very adult stuff. I would not recommend children see my standup," says Belleville, 29, who grew up in Calgary but now lives in Los Angeles. "It's nice to do a homegrown movie that's shot in Regina that feels Canadian, but in the good way," he says of Finn, in which he plays a frisbee-loving canine morphed into a human thanks to a botched science experiment by a neighbour (Ana Gasteyer).

> **"It's nice to do a homegrown movie ... that feels Canadian, but in the good way."**
> Ryan Belleville

The former Loose Moose Theatre regular prepared by studying Littlest Hobo reruns and his dogs. "They can sit and stare for hours, and then something happens and they are instantly alert. It's hilarious to watch."

Sons of playwright/actor Terry Belleville and actress Donna Belleville, Ryan and his brother Jason (writer-producer for Little Mosque on the Prairie) come by their crafts honestly, and are collaborating on a TV show set to film this summer. Ryan's credits include a Phil Hartman comedy award, appearances on his own half-hour CTV comedy show, Sean Cullen, the Late, Late Show, Halifax Comedy Fest and Just for Laughs, Life on a Stick and a Dentyne gum ad in which his frozen head detaches.

The self-purported "funny hobbit," who returns to his improv roots every year and hits the local comedy circuit every 15 months, credits his foray into film to his training here. "There's a lot of ad libbed moments between me and Ana (Gasteyer), moments that weren't in the script that ended up in the film — you learn to be in character, open to anything, like being a dog," he says.

Belleville lauds co-star Matthew Knight, who plays best-bud Ben, and the other young Finn actors. "There's something great about working on set with kids ... there's not a lot of baggage, they're just happy to be there having fun."

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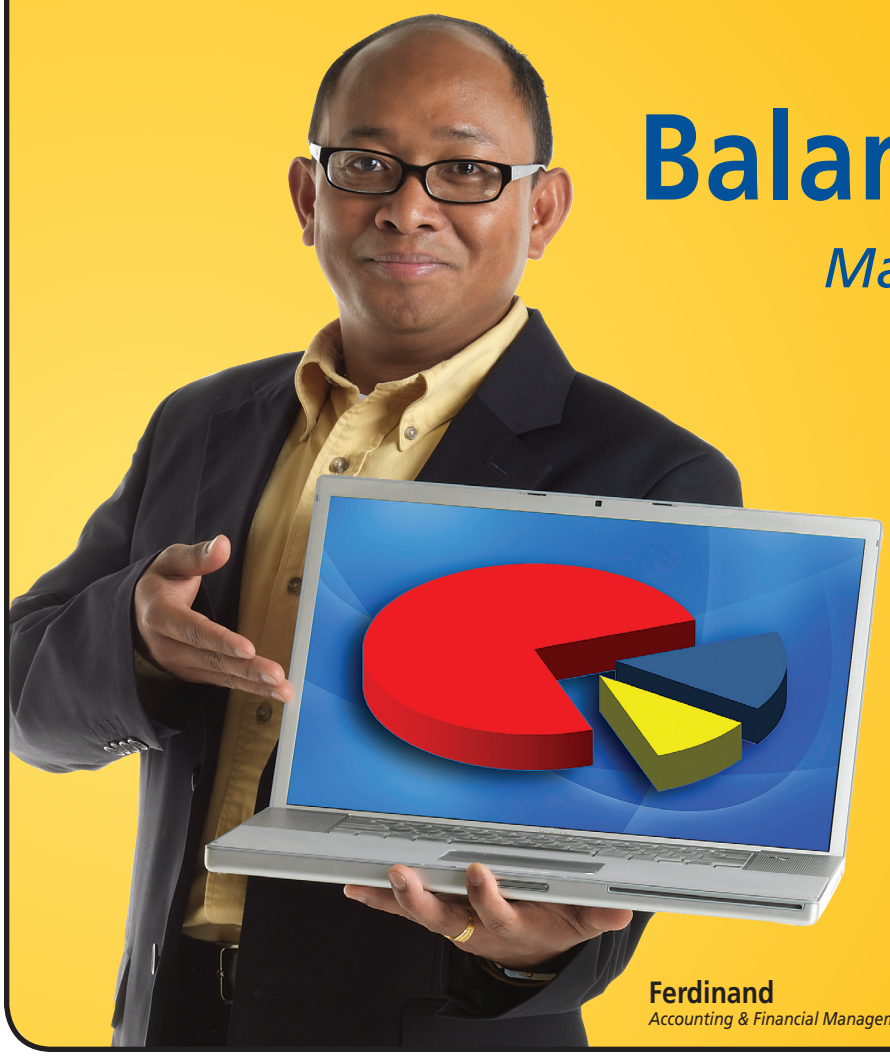

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Sotheby's Versace villa sale beats estimates
Auctioneer Sotheby's raised $10.4 million US from its London sale of the contents of late Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace's Lake Como villa late Wednesday, roughly three times estimates. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Broadway thrives in recession

If this is how a recession affects Broadway, well then, bring it on!

There was much gnashing of teeth in January when a record number of productions closed and left the rialto looking barren indeed. But since then, some strange things have happened even as the economy continues to struggle to find a foothold.

Broadway grosses are holding their own, with fairly minimal box-office drop-offs, and some shows — notably the revival of West Side Story — are doing $1 million US a week even in previews.

More startling still, this spring features an impressive number of openings, with virtually every theater booked. By the time the season wraps at the end of April, more shows will have opened during the 2008-09 campaign than in each of the past two years. What's more, the lineup of recently opened and upcoming productions is far more varied and exciting than usual.

There are classic works by Noel Coward (Blithe Spirit), Eugene Ionesco (Exit the King), Samuel Beckett (Waiting for Godot), August Wilson (Joe Turner's Come and Gone), Eugene O'Neill (Desire Under the Elms) and Friedrich Schiller (Mary Stuart), most of which are not usually considered wildly commercial.

And the lineup of film and TV stars now or soon to appear on the boards is impressive. The list — which, in the interest of protecting fragile egos, is in alphabetical order — includes Joan Allen, Lauren Ambrose, Matthew Broderick, Jeff Daniels, Rupert Everett, Brian Dennehy, Jane Fonda, James Gandolfini, Carla Gugino, John Goodman, Lauren Graham, Marcia Gay Harden, Jeremy Irons, Allison Janney, Nathan Lane, Angela Lansbury, Marsha Mason, Oliver Platt, David Hyde Pierce, Geoffrey Rush and Susan Sarandon. REUTERS

Shelly's last story to be told

POSTHUMOUS Adrienne Shelly, writer-director of the hit Waitress, which was released after her 2006 murder, left behind another screenplay that her widower will develop and produce.

The project, The Morgan Story, is a multi-generational family drama that revolves around three sisters and follows them over the course of several decades. Shelly widower Andy Ostroy, who launched All for A Films to maintain and further his wife's legacy, said he believed it to be Shelly's best script.

"It's a little bigger than some of her other work," he said, speaking from the New York office of Ostroy/Lenardi, the marketing firm he owns. "If Adrienne's previous movies were comedies with a little bit of drama, this is a drama with a little bit of comedy."

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Wonder what they'll grow up to be

Jenna Jameson has named her twins. The former adult film star and mixed martial arts fighter Tito Ortiz have named their babies Jesse Jameson and Journey Jett, according to femalefirst.co.uk. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Willis preparing to wed?

MARRIAGE Is Bruce Willis ready to walk down the aisle again? People.com says that according to a source, the actor and his girlfriend, model Emma Heming, are planning an intimate wedding this week in Turks & Caicos where the actor owns a home.

As rumours of possible nuptials have surfaced online, Willis's ex-wife Demi Moore and her husband, Ashton Kutcher — who both maintain a close friendship with Willis — arrived on the island Saturday, according to another source.

Meanwhile, according to an island source a block of ocean view rooms and private villas have been reserved for Willis' guests at a hotel near the actor's home. There is also another reason for Willis to celebrate: The actor, who has been dating Heming, 32, since last year, turned 54 yesterday. Willis' rep had no comment, people.com adds.

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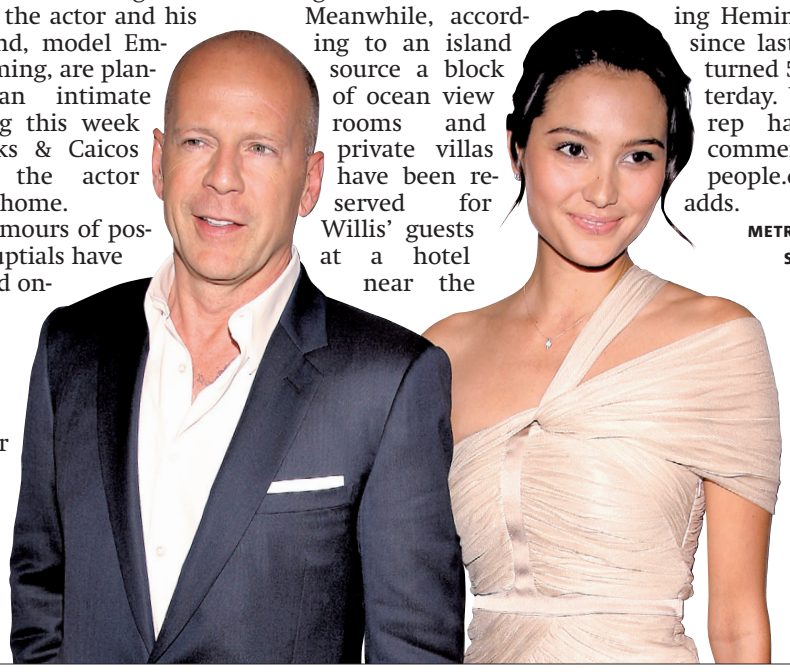

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Franco stalked on campus

PEOPLE James Franco is being hounded by fans at Columbia University, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Pineapple Express actor — who is studying for a Master of Fine Arts in Writing at the college — is finding it hard to walk around as there are always hoards of eager girls trying to catch a glimpse of him.

A source said: "Now that girls have figured out his schedule, every week there's a bigger crowd outside his lectures waiting just to see him leave. It's getting to be that there are so many people, it's embarrassing."

A university representative refused to comment on reports extra security teams will now be posted outside the actor's classes. The spokesman said: "We don't comment on matters of pop culture."

The 30-year-old actor graduated with a degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, last year. He then moved to New York to study at Columbia and at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he takes filmmaking classes.

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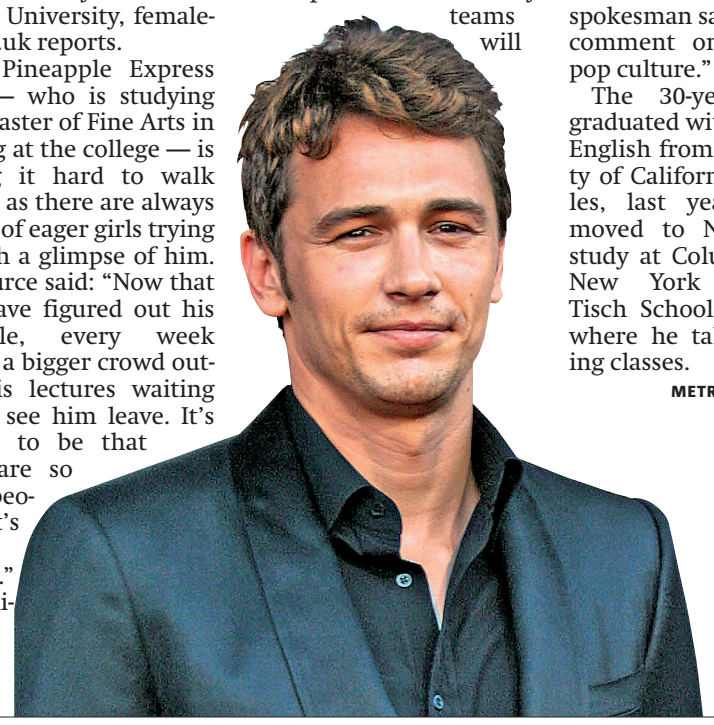

Co-star denying tryst with Rimes

AFFAIR Eddie Cibrian is fighting back against a report that claims he's having an affair with Northern Lights co-star LeAnn Rimes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"It is a fabricated story that is using random snapshots as connective tissue to create a scandalous relationship," Cibrian says in a statement first obtained by Access Hollywood. A Rimes friend tells People the country star, 26, and Cibrian, 35 — who is married with two sons — are not in a relationship.

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Ex says he's sorry

DIVORCE Marilyn Manson has told ex-wife Dita Von Teese he made "a big mistake," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The burlesque performer claims her former spouse regularly contacts her to apologize for the breakdown of their year-long marriage. Von Teese, who cited irreconcilable differences when she filed for divorce in 2006, said: "He has been in touch a little. The apologies come, and he was like, 'I made a big mistake.'"

The brunette beauty has previously spoken out about her decision to split from the goth rocker, claiming she couldn't support his "partying or relationship with another girl." It is believed Manson was having an affair with now-girlfriend actress Evan Rachel Wood.

Von Teese is unimpressed by Manson's attempts to repair the rift between them and is keen to move on with her life.

She added to Inked magazine: "I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah, I know. Go ahead and say what you need to say to feel better and to sleep at night.'"

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Mayer snuffs rumours of Aniston tell-all book

DENIAL John Mayer's publicist was quick to quash rumors started by Star magazine that the singer was contemplating writing a steamy tell-all about his time with Jennifer Aniston.

The magazine had reported that Mayer "can't keep his mouth shut" and was ready to spill some dirty secrets — like about how Aniston once called him "Brad" while in bed. Well, it turns out Mayer is no rat.

"It is Star Magazine that is the rat, and they should be ashamed of the disgusting story they've written," Mayer's rep said in a statement to Access Hollywood.

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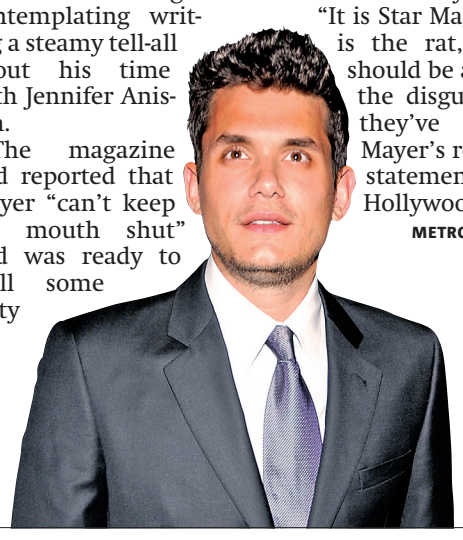

Show me the money: Britney

BOOK Britney Spears turned down a $3-million US autobiography deal, because she wants more money, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Spears rejected multi-million dollar offers from executives at publishing houses HarperCollins, Random House and Little Brown — because they were a lot less than she expected. According to insiders, Spears is seeking a figure closer to $8 million, source tells Us Weekly, "She was hoping for much more money."

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Lohan will miss Richardson

IN HONOUR Lindsay Lohan was 12 when she shot to child stardom in The Parent Trap. But she wasn't too young to remember who helped her rise, eonline.com reports.

"She was a wonderful woman and actress and treated me like I was her own," the now 22-year-old starlet said of former costar Natasha Richardson, who died Wednesday from head trauma apparently suffered in a skiing accident two days before.

"I didn't see much of her over the years but I will miss her," Lohan added. "My heart goes out to her family. This is a tragic loss."

Richardson played Lohan's prim British mom in the 1998 remake of The Parent Trap who, with the help of Lohan-times-two finds love again with her ex, played by Dennis Quaid.

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Rihanna parties without Brown

PEOPLE Embattled pop star Rihanna stepped out in Hollywood looking happy and confident. The Umbrella singer hit nightclub Les Deux with four friends — and no sign of Chris Brown, from whom Rihanna is reportedly taking a break.

The group partied until after 2 a.m., according to TMZ, before heading out.

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Vin Diesel playing a diva?

PEOPLE Vin Diesel's attempt to skip out on a Los Angeles press junket for his new film, Fast and Furious, didn't sit well with the film's producers — or his publicist.

"No one could get a hold of him," a source tells Page Six. "He didn't pick up his phone and it wasn't until a Universal executive called that he finally picked up and used the lame excuse, 'I'm sick.'"

Diesel eventually showed up four hours late and "didn't look sick." As a result, his publicists at 42 West no longer represent him.

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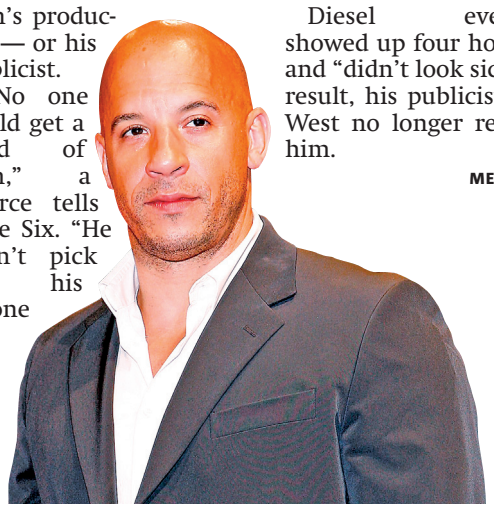

Kelly celebrating the sober life

PEOPLE Kelly Osbourne is celebrating a clean and sober life after finishing her most recent stint in rehab. To mark the occasion, the singer opens up to People magazine about her rocky past. "I'm getting a second chance, and I want to be present for it.

Getting up in the morning and not having to think of a list of lies is a new thing," Osbourne says.

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Friday Some clouds 7 C / -3 C

Saturday Light rain 6 C / -3 C

Sunday Mostly cloudy 3 C / -6 C

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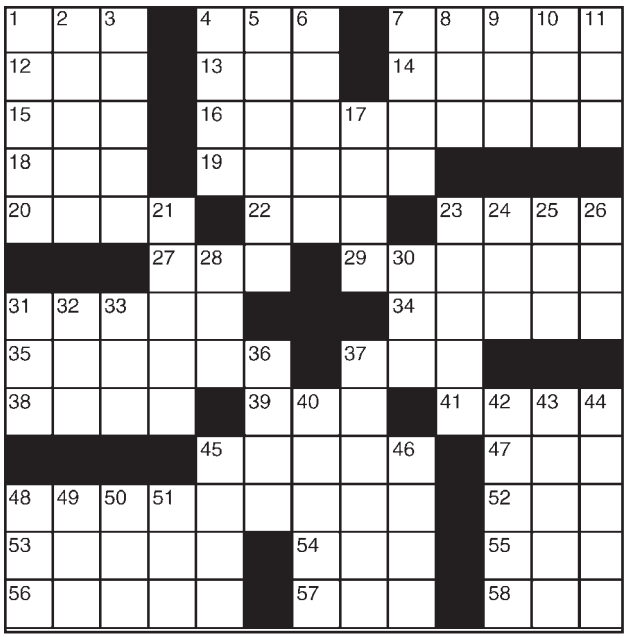

Crossword across

1 Suitable
4 Journal
7 Boasts
12 "Skip to My —"
13 Gorilla
14 Kidney-related
15 Under the weather
16 Eartha Kitt classic
18 — -relief
19 Calamari
20 Mosul's land
22 Work with
23 Crow's-nest cry
27 Multi-purpose truck
29 St. George's foe
31 Eagle's digs
34 "William Tell," e.g.
35 Plays for time
37 Royal insomnia cause
38 Huff and puff
39 "— the fields we go"
41 Galvanizing stuff
45 Dutch bloom
47 Long March leader
48 California city
52 Pump up the volume
53 Trojan War king
54 Luau side dish
55 "Gosh!"
56 Shrill barks
57 Conclusion
58 Mag. staffers

Crossword down

1 Excuse
2 On top of the world?
3 Oklahoma city
4 Colleen
5 Not transparent
6 Category
7 Actor Pitt
8 C.S.A. soldier
9 Literary collection
10 Chatter away
11 Crafty
17 Even
21 Colourful coverlet
23 Bolivian city
24 Census datum
25 Neither partner
26 "CSI" evidence
28 — Aviv
30 Caviar, essentially
31 Cleo's slayer
32 Greek vowel
33 Operated
36 Acerbic
37 Pen
40 Split to form a bond?
42 Mirror's offering
43 Appointed
44 Manages somehow
45 Midlothian millinery
46 Settled up
48 Agent
49 Exist
50 Zero
51 Spigot

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Salmon Cakes with Creamy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 cup (50 ml) sun-dried tomatoes (not oil packed)
4 garlic cloves, peeled
1/3 cup (75 ml) plain fat-free yogurt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot red pepper sauce
1 large baking potato, thinly sliced
1 can (14 3/4 ounces) pink salmon, drained
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus 1/2 cup plain dried bread crumbs
1/2 cup minced fresh dill
1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, rinsed and drained
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

METHOD:
1. Cook sun-dried tomatoes and 2 garlic cloves in small pot of boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/3 cup (75 ml) cooking liquid. Transfer tomatoes and garlic to mini food processor. Add reserved cooking liquid, yogurt and hot pepper sauce, and purée.
2. Meanwhile, cook potato and remaining 2 garlic cloves in medium pot of boiling water until tender, about 7 minutes. Drain and transfer to large bowl. With potato masher, mash potato and garlic.
3. Stir in salmon, 2 tbsp (25 ml) bread crumbs, dill, capers and salt. Shape salmon mixture into 8 cakes.
4. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Dredge salmon cakes in remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Add to skillet and sauté until golden brown and heated through, about 3 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll know when to do the right thing. People count on you to teach a good lesson. Ask a dumbfounded person to be patient.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Disregard fear and take action. A big mouth won't care about being overheard. Prosperity will astound disapproving parents.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone is trying to take advantage of you. Someone who adores you makes your dreams come true. You can be rather demanding about work.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your attitude can make or break a reunion. Time is running out to make a correction. A power surge enables you to communicate your needs.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Be scrupulous in organizing domestic affairs. Be tolerant of a family's reactions. Be glad that you listened to a sad anecdote.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A severe argument leads to depression. Be understanding when someone seems to have lost his mind. Get back to the basics.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
It's not possible to be too considerate. Someone is practical about a pathetic cry for help. A literal-minded person mocks your foibles.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A trustworthy champion wants more say in the future. Tension will give way to joy. You'll find a new way to win someone over.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A versatile warrior gets singled out for praise. You'll realize that someone misses you. Confusion comes from a challenging opinion.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A brooding man makes a shocking prediction. A domineering worker seeks a companion. You contribute to other people's easy spirits.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Find your way out of a strange situation. A friend shows the power of unconditional love. You'll single-handedly clear the air.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't let anyone down. You can follow your dream or be miserable. Someone's fears are rising to the surface.

This day in history

MARCH 20, 1914: In New Haven, Conn., the first international figure skating championship takes place.
MARCH 20, 1916: Albert Einstein publishes his general theory of relativity.
MARCH 20, 1952: The United States Senate ratifies a peace treaty with Japan.
MARCH 20, 1969: John Lennon and Yoko Ono are married.
MARCH 20, 1985: Libby Riddles becomes the first woman to win the 1,135-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.
MARCH 20, 2004: Stephen Harper wins the leadership of the newly created Conservative Party of Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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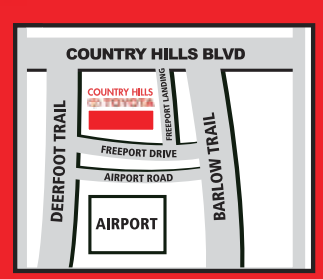

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